## In the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below. The language being added is underlined ("\_\_") and the language being deleted contains a strikethrough ("\_\_").

## Listing of Claims

- (Currently Amended) A method for optimizing cell available (CLAV) status
  polling of a plurality of physical interface addresses, the method comprising the steps of:
  polling a plurality of PHY addresses to determine CLAV status;
  receiving the CLAV status for each one of the plurality of PHY addresses;
  determining whether the CLAV status could change for each PHY address; and
  re-polling only each of the PHY address with athe CLAV status that could change.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the CLAV status that could change comprises an inactive CLAV status.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the CLAV status that could change comprises a completed cell transfer.
- (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of re-polling further comprises the step of: re-polling addresses with an inactive CLAV status.
- (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of re-polling further comprises the step of: re-polling addresses having completed a cell transfer.

- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein re-polling of PHY addresses having an active CLAV status are avoided.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the CLAV status comprises ability to receive a cell.
- (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein a PHY address is re-polled within at least four bytes of a previous cell transfer.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the CLAV status comprises the ability to transmit a cell.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each PHY address with an inactive CLAV status is re-polled until the PHY address indicates an active CLAV status.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical interface is a UTOPIA.

 (Currently Amended) A system for optimizing cell available (CLAV) status polling of a plurality of physical interface addresses, the system comprising:

a polling module for polling a plurality of PHY addresses to determine CLAV status:

a status module for receiving the CLAV status for each one of the plurality of PHY addresses:

a determining module for determining whether the CLAV status could change for each PHY address; and

a re-polling module for re-polling <u>only</u> each <u>of the PHY</u> address with athe CLAV status that could change.

- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the CLAV status that could change comprises an inactive CLAV status.
- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the CLAV status that could change comprises a completed cell transfer.
- (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the re-polling module further comprises re-polling addresses with an inactive CLAV status.
- (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the re-polling module further comprises re-polling addresses having completed a cell transfer.

- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein re-polling of PHY addresses having an active CLAV status are avoided.
- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the CLAV status comprises ability to receive a cell.
- (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein a PHY address is re-polled within at least four bytes of a previous cell transfer.
- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the CLAV status comprises the ability to transmit a cell.
- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein each PHY address with an inactive CLAV status is re-polled until the PHY address indicates an active CLAV status.
- (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the physical interface is a UTOPIA.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium comprising a set of instructions for optimizing cell available (CLAV) status polling of a plurality of physical interface addresses and being adapted to manipulate a processor to:

poll a plurality of PHY addresses to determine CLAV status; and receive the CLAV status for each one of the plurality of PHY addresses; determining-determine whether the CLAV status could change for each PHY address: and

re-poll only each of the PHY address with a-the CLAV status that could change.

- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the CLAV status that could change comprises an inactive CLAV status.
- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the CLAV status that could change comprises a completed cell transfer.
- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 24, wherein the instructions are further adapted to re-poll addresses with an inactive CLAV status.
- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 25, wherein the instructions are further adapted to poll addresses having completed a cell transfer.

 (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the instructions are further adapted to avoid re-polling PHY addresses having an active CLAV status.

- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the CLAV status comprises ability to receive a cell.
- 30. (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the instructions are further adapted to re-poll a PHY address within at least four bytes of a previous cell transfer.
- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the CLAV status comprises the ability to transmit a cell.
- 32. (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the instructions are further adapted to re-poll each PHY address with an inactive CLAV status until the PHY address indicates an active CLAV status.
- (Original) The computer readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the physical interface is a UTOPIA.